

## House Resolution 1431

By: Representatives Reese of the 98<sup>th</sup>, Austin of the 10<sup>th</sup>, and Jones of the 46<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Mark E. Arneson, National Commander of the Sons of  
2 the American Legion; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Mark E. Arneson has long been recognized by the citizens of this nation  
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
5 welfare of the citizens of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Arneson was elected National Commander at the 38th Annual National  
7 Convention of the Sons of the American Legion held in Louisville, Kentucky in August,  
8 2009; and

9 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from The Citadel and a master's degree from the  
10 University of Georgia, is a certified public accountant, and is assistant vice president in the  
11 corporate tax division of Oldcastle, Inc., one of the largest road construction and building  
12 product manufacturers in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, a resident of Tucker, Georgia, Mr. Arneson is a member of Squadron 127 in  
14 Buford and has served in numerous leadership positions including Detachment Commander;  
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16 WHEREAS, he began his service for the national organization in 1991 as alternate NEC and  
17 has gone on to serve as NEC, chairman of the National Americanism Commission, on the  
18 Citizens Flag Alliance, on the National Junior Shooting Sports Championship staff, and on  
19 the staff of the National Oratorical Competition; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Arneson served as Chairman of the Child Welfare Foundation Committee  
21 for two years, helping the organization earn a record level of donations in a year with  
22 \$383,000 and crossing the \$3 million total donation level; and

23 WHEREAS, he served as National Vice Commander for the Southern region and graduated  
24 from the 2008 National American Legion College; and

25 WHEREAS, the outstanding accomplishments and dedicated service of this distinguished  
26 Georgian is worthy of recognition.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Mr. Mark E. Arneson for his efficient, effective, and  
29 unselfish public service to the Sons of the American Legion and congratulate him upon his  
30 selection as National Commander.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Mark E. Arneson.